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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH LAW OF THE SEA DELEGATION
JAPAN

1. THE SECRETARY MET ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, WITH AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI AND MR. IGUCHI OF THE JAPANESE LAW OF THE SEA DELEGATION. AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI RAISED THREE ISSUES UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM TOKYO. (1) HE ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION TO ACCOMMODATE SERIOUS PRESSURES IN JAPAN. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WHILE THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SEE IF THERE WAS FLEXIBILITY IN THE LAW THAT COULD BE EXERCISED IN JAPAN'S BEHALF. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN TO THE U.S. AND PROMISED TO URGE OUR NEGOTIATORS TO DO WHAT THEY COULD. (2) AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE ARE IN GENERAL ACCORD IF AN AGREEABLE FORMULA CAN BE FOUND. (3) THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED CONCERN THAT THE U.S. MIGHT SUPPORT PROPOSALS INCLUDING AN UNDER-THE-KEEL DEPTH REQUIREMENT IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AS SUGGESTED BY MALAYSIA. THE SECRETARY ASSURED THE JAPANESE THAT WE WERE OF THE VIEW THAT THIS ISSUE MUST BE DEALT WITH OUTSIDE THIS CONFERENCE.

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